Closure of Jute, Textile and Spinning Mills in Orissa

2567. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the name and the number of Jute, Textile and Spinning Mills closed down in the state of Orissa during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 till date;

(b) the number of employees in these jute, textile and spinning mills rendered unemployed due to the closure; and

(c) the details of steps taken to provide them alternative job, compensation and rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to information received, year-wise details of Jute, man-made fibre textile mills (Non-SSI) closed in the State of Orissa and workers on roll of such mills as on 30.9.2001 are given below:—

S. No.	Mill Name	Type	Year of closure	Workers on roll
1.	Orissa Cotton Mills	Spinning	1999-2000	351
2.	The Orissa Weavers Co-operative Spinning Mills	Spinning	1999-2000	1162
3.	Shree Sarala Weavers Co-operative Spinning Mills	Spinning	1999-2000	1194
4.	Baikuntha Cotton Mills Pvt.	Spinning	2000-01	78
5.	Aska Spinning Mills	Spinning	2000-01	1090
6.	Orissa Textile Mills Ltd.	Composite	2000-01	3186
7.	Konark Jute Ltd.	Jute	2000-01	1163

None of the above mills has been closed under Section 25(O) of ID Act, 1947.

(c) A Scheme called Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme, Applicable to the whole of India including the State of Orissa is in operation providing an interim relief for an interim period of only 3 years on a tapering basis to the workers who might be displaced by permanent closure of textile units. The Government of India has enacted the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and established the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction

(BIFR) with a view to timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies. According to the information received, Konark Jute Ltd. is also before the BIFR.

Providing loans to Handloom Weavers

†2568. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to provide loans to handloom weavers;

(b) the amount of loan provided to the weavers during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether weavers have to face problems in getting loans from Banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Credit is a requirement, apart from central/state assistance, in respect of the Project Package Scheme (PPS), Work shed-cum-Housing Scheme and Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDPHY) of the handloom sector. The PPS is not in vogue while the other two schemes are in operation. In order to enable the beneficiaries to meet this requirement, credit limits are sanctioned by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) through State Cooperative Banks (SCBs), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and Commercial Banks to Weavers' Cooperative Societies and State Handloom Development Corporations, at concessional rates of interest for production, procurement and marketing activities as well as purchase and sale of yarn. In addition, the National

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